

10. (New) A method of inhibiting hair growth comprising administering to a surface of skin in need thereof an effective amount of (B) an inhibitor of neutral endopeptidase and (C) at least one proteolytic enzyme selected from the group consisting of papain, trypsin, chymotrypsin, pepsin, bromelain, ficin and pancreatin.--

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#### SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Previously presented claim 8 has been redrafted as new claims 9 and 10 by splitting the two possibilities for component (B) into separate claims. This amendment is supported by claim 8 as previously filed, which was supported by original claims 5 and 6 and page 27, lines 22-25 of the specification. No new matter would be added to this application by entry of this amendment.

Upon entry of this amendment claims 9-10 will now be active in the application.

#### REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants' representative would like to thank Examiner Flood for the courteous and helpful discussion of the issues in the present application on March 13, 2003. The above amendments and following remarks summarize and further expand on the content of that discussion.

The present invention relates to a method for inhibiting hair growth by administration of a composition containing (B) either an elastase inhibitor or an inhibitor of neutral endopeptidase and (C) at least one proteolytic enzyme selected from the specific listing of the claims.